

Morningview News

M.H.A. FEB. MEETING

The next meeting of the Morningview Homes Association will be held **Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 P.M.** at Katherine Carpenter Elementary School. This meeting will only be a business meeting: no program will be presented. Meetings usually last about an hour and all members of the Association are welcome!

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to Joel Markus for all the outstanding work he has done in the past for Morningview Homes Association!!!! Joel has served for many years in various positions from Newsletter Editor to President. Our sincere gratitude for his time and input. He has been an invaluable resource for our neighborhood. Thank you, Joel!



Thank you also to Donna Stofer for her many years of service as a Board Member and Treasurer. You are a valuable resource for our Association and we've been lucky to have you! Thank you, Donna.



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS !

I try to make it a policy not to be political in this part of the newsletter. But I am making an exception in this instance. (Sorry, but I think it's important. Most likely I'll not do it again.) At our last meeting, Morningview resident, Carol Polter, president of Katherine Carpenter's PTA presented some information and concerns about the school financing issues facing our governor and our state. I can not, in good faith, write to our governor or legislators as the President of the Homes Association and claim that I know the hearts of all residents on this matter. However, I can write as a parent, a taxpayer and a homeowner. So can you. I will admit to no small concern about the effects the current cuts in the education budget will mean.

On the economics side...I understand thrift. I understand the need to cut budgets. Frankly, I doubt anyone in our neighborhood DOESN'T understand the challenges of budgeting. We are not, after all, the wealthiest subdivision in town.☺ All of us deal with these issues in our own homes and economize in our own ways. But I firmly believe that the proposed cuts will significantly affect the quality of education in the Shawnee Mission district and following that, property values. Over the years, many of us moved here for the

good standard of education that our school systems provide. If that standard is lowered, we risk loss of value to our homes as people move toward a higher level of educational service in other districts.

On the people side...This is an issue that very directly affects many of our neighbors who work in the Shawnee Mission school district. We are fortunate to have a good number of teachers who live here as well as staff that serve in other areas besides the classroom. It is their workplace, their business, if you will, that is being threatened. We all want the best for our children, our neighborhood and our wallets. (Especially since you just paid your Homes Association dues!) Please consider your neighbors when you think about this issue.

Some of you disagree with me, and that's okay too. But I hope, whatever your views are, that you express them in writing to our elected representatives. It is my understanding that a simple written note makes more impact than any phone call or petition. Nothing fancy. Just tell them what you think or feel. Sadly, perhaps it is because so few of us (myself included) take the time to actually tell our representatives and governor what we think. I've been told the number of letters they receive is actually quite small, so

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a fifth Board Member. Due to prior commitments, Donna will be unable to serve as a Board Member this year. According to the By-Laws, the Board must appoint someone. If you have any interest in serving on the Morningview Board, please contact any of the current Board Members or Officers. We really must fill this position soon. The time commitment is not large, and dues are waived for service. Please help us out!

TELEPHONE NUMBERS :

Waste Management	
Trash Service	254-1470
President	
Leesa Whitson	341-2524
Vice President	
Marnie Goff	341-3610
Treasurer	
Bill Elvin	652-0189
Secretary	
Sherri Watson	649-6301
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Joe Childs	648-3820
Paul DiPaola	642-8621
Donna Stofer	648-3034
Vickie Redler-Chervitz	
Dean Pfofner	
Overland Park Neighborhood Enforcement Services	
895-6370	

WANTED: Newsletter Editor
Website Manager
Auditor

We need people to fill these volunteer positions. Call Leesa, 341-2524, if you can serve in one of these capacities!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS! Cont.

the responses they get make a very large impact. Whatever you may decide about this issue, I do believe it's important that we be aware of it. If you need to investigate this issue further, I recommend the Shawnee Mission School Board and the Governor's office as resources.

Again, I don't like using this space in political ways. But I do think, whether you agree or disagree with it, the issue is important enough for us all as homeowners. We need to be aware. Thanks for listening....

Leesa

Governor Bill Graves
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Topeka, KS 66612-1590
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LAWN MOWING

\$ 15.00 per Lawn / \$ 20 Bagged
Frank A. Ferro 9745 Slater Ln
642-9115 (Adult Supervised)

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?

Recently there have been concerns expressed about illegal activities in our neighborhood. If you suspect drug transactions or other laws being broken, please report the specifics of the situation to the Overland Park Police Department. Sgt. Klahn has been more than kind in the past and would be a good contact to reach. The police have stressed before that we are their eyes and ears sometimes, as they can not be everywhere at once. Let them know if you suspect a problem.

YEAR 2000 ASSESSMENT

Thank you to those of you who have expressed appreciation to the board for moving the fee due date back to February 1! We had hoped this would be a positive move for everyone and it seems to be popular so far! Thank you for telling us! If you have not yet paid your dues, remember they are due February 1 in the amount of \$91.00. If there is a problem, please contact Bill or Rachel Elvin to make arrangements. This is the first year we will be placing liens on properties which are not current and late fees will apply (see postcard for details).